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CNTU moving toward general strike

Last night at a rally held in the Paul Sauvé Arena, Marcel Pepin, President of the Confederation of National Trade Unions, announced to a cheering crowd of over four thousand that the first general strike in Quebec's history would occur soon.

Of 14,000 union members consulted so far, ninety-five per cent have been in favor of the general strike. Polling will be completed on Thursday when the plans will be announced at a press conference.

"It has never happened yet in Quebec, but there must always be a first . . . we have the heart to fight for all the workers," said Pepin.



daily photo by harold rosenberg

The rally was called by the Common Front of the CNTU to announce plans for the general strike and to gain the support of the rank and file members of the CNTU for its new labor demands.

Michel Chartrand, president of the Montreal Central Council of the CNTU, led off the rally with a moment of silence to commemorate Michelle Gauthier, who died in the violent *La Presse* demonstration last October 29, and also the workers throughout the world who have died fighting capitalist oppression.

"We aren't afraid and we're not in a hurry, because we're together," said Chartrand. "We will fight to the end not only for higher wages and better working conditions but for human dignity. We want a revolution."

A Common Front of CNTU locals was formed to combat the attempts of the Bourassa regime "to play us off one group against the other."

For many years unions presented separate demands. "The Common Front will give the workers the necessary force

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by julian sher

Dixon's contract is renewed

The renewal committee of the sociology department decided last night to grant Marlene Dixon a new three-year contract. There is speculation that this sudden change of heart was prompted by the university administration in order to avoid campus unrest.

The department apparently has realized that it failed miserably in its attempt to disguise the political motives behind Dixon's possible dismissal.

Just a week ago, the committee leveled charges of academic incompetence against Dixon.

But from the beginning, the political nature of the firing attempt was exposed.

The claims that Dixon's classes were "harangues" and that marking was "arbitrary and biased" were destroyed by several petitions from both graduate and undergraduate students.

The charge that Dixon's published work was lacking and insignificant fell through when 11 leading sociologists from outside the university wrote letters to the committee verifying her academic abilities.

STATEMENT FROM MARLENE DIXON

The political issues that have been before the sociology department transcend any individual case and have importance far beyond McGill University. It has already been clear to me that the sociology department would have fired me in the first hour of the first meeting

had it not been for strong and principled opposition.

People joined the struggle in an attempt to fight for a principle: to keep dissent and liberty of action alive for as long as possible in the universities. We have enjoyed a surprise — a victory. Yet this small victory should not mislead us. This is still the university that fired Stanley Gray. This is still the department that tried to rid itself of activism. The battle for the right to dissent and action in *this society* is never won. It must be fought every day and in every case time and time again.

The procedures against Dixon were dramatically exposed as farcical when two outside observers attended a committee meeting. One observer, Jean-Guy Vaillancourt, a member of the Ethics Committee of the Canadian Sociological Association, warned that this political "hatchet job", as he

called it, would not go unpunished.

All this adverse publicity made it clear to the committee that they had executed a messy job, and they were hesitant to move in for the kill.

The decisive factor behind the sudden switch in sentiment, however, could have been a nervous administration.

Undoubtedly the administration has watched the Dixon case anxiously, fearing that the violence that erupted on other campuses where political firings were exposed, might come to McGill.

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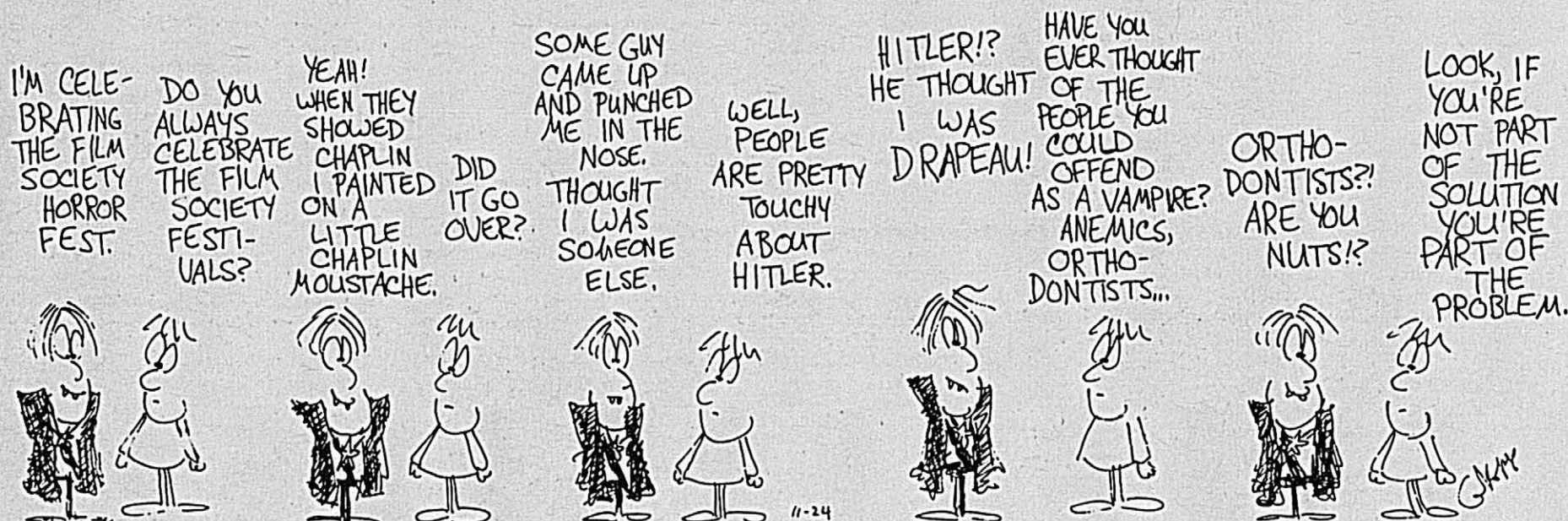
NORMAN BETHUNE

Dr. Chen Wen-Chieh and Dr. Ha Hsien-Wen will be speaking today at an open rally on Medicine in China and the Spirit of Dr. Norman Bethune. The rally will be held at 4 pm in the Union ballroom and will be followed by a social get-together.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This serves as notification that the letter to the editor appearing in the Daily (Monday, November 22) and signed M. Babins was not written by that person, but by someone else who used the name under false pretenses. The Daily disassociates itself from that letter and apologizes for the confusion caused by it.

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Mr. Hazen Sise F.R.A.I.C.
Dr. Robert Garry, Dept. of Geography University of Montreal
Prof. Sam Noumoff, Centre for East Asian Studies, McGill University

2:00 P.M.

Dr. Paul T. K. Lin, Dept. of History, McGill University
Dr. Chen Wen-Chieh, Academy of Medical Sciences, Peking
Dr. Ha Hsien-Wen, Academy of Medical Sciences, Peking
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Racist forced into the open

LONDON (CUP) A stormy controversy involving charges of racism against a right-wing history professor has erupted at the usually placid University of Western Ontario.

Things came to a head Wednesday night (Nov. 17) when Professor Kenneth Hilborn invaded a student meeting discussing demands for his dismissal and was involved in a scuffle with one of his denouncers.

The demands for the firing of the tenured professor arose from an article he had written, which appeared in the London Free Press.

In this article Hilborn attacked those who support what he termed "terrorists" in South Africa. He said that the best way to end the apartheid system in that country was by a process of "erosion".

This could best be accomplished, the article went on, by increasing the prosperity of the White ruling class in South Africa. This would create a demand for more skilled labor which would in turn lower unemployment among Blacks while increasing their standard of living and ultimately their political powers. The article concludes that the White ruling class would be forced to liberate the Blacks just to keep the economy running smoothly.

A group of students, including in its membership representatives from the Canadian Party of Labor formed the Committee to Fight Racism and demanded the dismissal of Hilborn from his

teaching post because of his allegedly racist views.

Hilborn showed up at the committee's Wednesday meeting, "to see what assinineity they're raising and reply to their charges."

The professor, who visited South Africa last year, constantly interrupted speakers at the meeting and charged that his views as expressed in the article were being distorted.

Tempers flared as Dave Hanna, a member of the committee, swung a revolving desk at Hilborn's shin as the professor was challenging one of his detractors.

Hilborn grabbed the desk and tried to swing it back but was dissuaded by Hanna's threat of an assault charge and the efforts of bystanders to cool them both down.

The professor, in defending his position said that he opposed apartheid — the South African government's policy of complete racial separation, with the Blacks at the bottom of the social economic and legal ladder — but that the overthrow of the government would result in millions of deaths, mainly Black.

Committee members argued that the article served to further the interests of a racist regime and that Hilborn should not be allowed to continue teaching such attitudes at the university.

The final word likely will belong to Hilborn who said "Trying to fire a professor is a laugh if he has tenure. A professor cannot be fired for expressing his opinions."

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to combat the divisive measures of the Quebec government."

One of the measures which Bourassa uses to stifle the growing demand by Quebec workers for higher wages and better conditions is to threaten the citizens with higher taxes. But, Chartrand added, if the Quebec government stopped the daily flow of capital into the hands of foreign investors, the citizens already burdened with high taxes would be among the first to benefit.

The demands of the Common Front are the following: equal pay for equal work and a minimum wage of \$100 per week to increase by 8 percent per annum.

Presently, sixty three percent of Quebec hospital workers and fifty nine percent of non-professional CEGEP workers, for example, earn less than \$100 per week.

The unions also demands fringe benefits including: four weeks of paid annual holidays with a \$200 additional bonus so that the worker can enjoy his holiday; sixteen holidays through the year; one and one quarter days per month sick leave with full pay; and maternity leave.

Other speakers at the rally included Francine Lalonde of the Quebec Teachers' Corporation, which yesterday renounced its

affiliation with the Common Front on the grounds that it was no longer a traditional union movement.

The Common Front agreed. It had gone beyond that. She asked the members of the QTC to unite forces once again with the Common Front to fight for "a different Quebec."

Norbert Rodrigue, a representative for the hospital workers' local of the CNTU, urged all union members to back the union demands.

He criticized the Quebec government for, among other things, promising wage parity for men and women in 1968, and then postponing it till 1974, the government had tried to buy the hospital workers off, by offering them a ridiculous wage increase of 2.5 percent, he said.

The militancy of the workers of the Common Front is the result of the repressive and high-handed measures which the Quebec government has always used to stifle the labour struggle in Quebec.

The latest example of this is the *La Presse* dispute, which has been going on for five months without a solution in sight. Faced with the refusal of the Bourassa government to support the basic rights of the locked out employees in the dispute, the workers of the Common Front are looking to themselves to bring about victory in the long struggle ahead.

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plaguing the administration, given McGill's tenuous position in Quebec, is the threat that the Dixon case could have spread into the French community. Vaillancourt, a Dixon supporter, is a sociology professor at the Université de Montréal. Dixon herself has been active in Québec politics and has taken a strong pro-Québec stance.

Regardless of whether or not the administration had a hand in changing the department's mind, the political maneuverings inside the sociology department have just begun to surface.

Young Alumni discuss skin flics

by nigel gibson

The chaste halls of the McGill Senate shuddered last night to talk of "screwing" and "balling" during a lively panel discussion on sex in the cinema.

The event, organized by the McGill "Young Alumni", and designed "to provide an eye opening look at movie censorship and sin in the cinema" was dramatically entitled "Rated-X".

The programme got off to a bad start when "Young Alumni" coordinator Tom Thompson announced that due to technical difficulties it would not be possible to show the promised choice excerpts from a Swedish blue movie.

Instead, as the disappointed audience settled glumly into their seats the panel was hastily convened and the discussion initiated.

George Allison, an attorney for several film companies presently fighting obscenity charges in the courts described the guidelines for movie censorship in Quebec.

The Cinema Act states that "a work is obscene if its dominant characteristic is the exploitation of sex, and this exploitation is undue."

Allison said that the vagueness of the word "undue" placed the responsibility for determining the tolerance of the public, squarely in the hands of the courts. According to Allison, the Quebec Film Supervisory Board wants to give the public "the fullest opportunity to see the full gamut of films being produced," in the belief that "this is necessary for the full development of the Quebec people."

The attorney told the audience that in his opinion relaxation of movie censorship would eventually result in better films, after the public gets tired of "banal sex scenes."

Allison said that the level of violence in movies disturbed him more than the sex scenes.

"After all," he elaborated, "murder is the worse possible thing, it's taking a life; committing adultery on the other hand may actually be giving life to someone."

The film company lawyer said that the concept of obscenity would continue to be governed by the mores and tastes of particular societies.

Allison rather pedantically illustrated his concept of the rules of society by explaining that they were what prevented people "from coming round to my house and spitting on the floor."

Another member of the panel Father John Whittall, criticized an aspect of the rationale often invoked to justify film censorship: that of "protecting the young."

Whittall said that he spent a lot of his time with teenagers in St-Hubert, and, that it was his experience that "movies don't tell the kids any more than they already know or practice."

The minister added that while he considered the film "The Devils", which is currently playing downtown, "blasphemous", he didn't think that he needed to be protected from it.

Whittall declared that he favors "as much freedom as we can support."

Another panel member, film director Morrie Ravinsky was more direct. Ravinsky took issue with the notion that a film should have "some redeeming social value" and told the audience that he believed that a movie's "redeeming sexual value" was enough to justify its existence.

"Some of the movies that offend me most don't have a bare ass in them," claimed Ravinsky. He cited news shows as examples.

The young director, whose spicy language shocked some of the staid alumni present at the affair, stated that in his opinion there was "no justification for any type of censorship under any circumstances."

Andrew Allen, Director of the McGill Information Service, and another member of the panel, was not prepared to go that far.

Allen objected to "detailed sexual scenes" and claimed that "the cinema has no place in the bedrooms of the nation."

Allen reminisced about his career as a film distributor, a career he described as similar to that of a prostitute.

"We lure you into the cinema, we take your money, but from then on it's up to you" said Allen.

The McGill Information Director told the audience that he believed that "censorship is mostly stupid," but that "classification is another matter — a matter of taste."

A lively discussion followed the presentation, with topics varying from women's liberation and the sex starlet, to rape in Denmark.

The Young Alumni series concludes next week with a Bavarian Ski Stomper."

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LETTERS

Pomerantz, Tanny block Rovins' proposals

Sir,

Many students in recent days have asked me to comment on what the Internal vice-president's job is and what the Students' Society does. To be more exact I went around asking students if they understood the functions and many did not.

Firstly, most of the pertinent information is listed in the handbook which many students have not read.

The student union falls under the jurisdiction of the post of Internal vice-president of the Students' Society. It is my determination this year to fulfill these and other functions.

The main problem this year is that students are turned off by everything we do and we consequently use this horrible term apathy to describe the students.

They have every right to be disgusted with us.

Perhaps truth is a virtue better exposed than left fallow. The students who elected me have a right to know exactly what goes on in the Student Executive. I was elected on nonpolitical issues and am thus one of the few if not only nonpolitical students to reach this post in the Executive. Richard Pomerantz and Allan Tanny, the President and Vice President External respectively of the Students' Society have blocked every proposal that I have mentioned to them. My mandate from the students has been ignored for selfish politics. It may be hard to swallow and I may sound old fashioned but I ran to implement every single one of the proposals on my platform.

I handed out thousands of pamphlets myself so that students would be informed. I wanted the 150th year of McGill to inform every student on this campus of the issues. I do not grant favors because I like certain persons. I try objectively and morally to evaluate problems and find a solution. I am caught trying to implement proposals that I was elected for and meeting bitter harassment from the executive. Perhaps I should have realized that every truth I had preached in the campaign about nothing ever getting done became a maddening reality in my three weeks in office. I am shocked by the lack of respect Allan Tanny and Richard Pomerantz have for my proposals. I see very few alternatives left to me. I have been over four years at this University which now seems like an eternity. Nothing has been accomplished since the Devil only knows.

I wanted a television set and a record lounge so that the students could relax and watch news and sports events and what not, and listen to records if they so desired. The students should have a quiet place in this

inferno called the union. I never want to see Maisonneuve Food Services again after this year. I wanted to change the constitution to eliminate corruption. I earnestly wanted to get with academics which is the only single element which unites students here. And most importantly I wanted an independent Finance Committee so that the money we spend could be accounted for and we could eliminate bankruptcy.

David Rovins
Internal vice-president
Students' Society

Horatio on the bridge:
Travesties of truth

Sir,

Marlene Dixon's article in the Daily of Nov. 18, once again - exemplifies the moral degeneration of our times. As long as people like her are allowed to express their lecherous thoughts, the future of men as individuals is bleak. The Marxism which she so fervently reveres - if it ever came into being in Canada or in any of the countries which now enjoy a certain amount of democracy - would be the death-knell for mankind. The automatons who would then be created would constitute a race of Marxist-zombies and not men.

Many of the utterances of Miss Dixon are either blatant misrepresentations of the facts or out and out lies. For example, Miss Dixon is quoted as saying: "Governments obtain their funds from taxation, and we all know that the heaviest burden to taxation falls upon the very working classes who cannot afford to send their children to the universities which are paid for by their labour" This is pure, unadulterated crap. The heaviest burden of taxation falls upon those who make the bulk of the money. The poor people, who Miss Dixon must be referring to by her term of the "working classes", pay very little of the total tax revenues. The tax system is graduated so that those who earn large amounts of money will pay a correspondingly large amount of tax. It is not the money of the "working classes" that build universities, it is the money of the great corporations and great individuals that does this.

Miss Dixon later mentions "the organized activities of poor people against a system which dehumanizes them." A Marxist system would make these supposedly "dehumanized" people as dehumanized as possible, until they would be mindless vegetables whose only activity would be subservience to others. A Marxist system demands complete and unquestioning loyalty to a cause that destroys all human dignity.

When speaking about the Rights of Students, Miss Dixon says that she believes that

people should have the right to determine their own lives. Could she please tell me, how in heaven's name that could happen in a Marxist-communist system? Capitalism is the ONLY system which guarantees the rights of individuals to determine their own lives. That is liberty. Marxist liberty would entail: the freedom to be told what to do, where to work, where to travel, what to think and on and on. Miss Dixon is being both hypocritical and unbelievably ridiculous when she claims, on the one hand to support liberty and on the other hand to support the ideas of Marx. Liberty and Marxism are absolute polarities.

She goes on to attack the United States for "its plunder of Quebec and of Canada in particular." This is another lie on her part. Without the United States and its brilliant technological advances, Canadians would still be trapping beavers. The money which the U.S. has poured into Canada and Quebec is Canada's life-blood. Without America's trade we would be, not one of the more pleasant and habitable countries in the world, but a desolate poverty-stricken colony of Great Britain. How has the United States "plundered" Canada? Is trade and support construed as "plunder"? It cannot be, but Marxists are sad that Canada is not being aided by Mao or Alexei. Then they wouldn't utter a word of complaint. The worst thing for a Communist is to see a country which is strong, dignified and well-off.

Miss Dixon accuses the Capitalist system of being akin to repression. This is another travesty of truth. The simple fact that a character like her is allowed to publish her lies and hypocrisies is proof enough that Capitalism is not repressive. One sees how much freedom and liberty there is on the other side. In Russia, the simple utterance of a personal belief is enough to warrant a free, all-expense paid trip to Outer Siberia. Russia, as a communist state cannot tolerate personal thought. If it did, it would be destroyed in a day. Miss Dixon could and would never utter her blatant mockeries of the truth in a totalitarian régime like Russia; the freedom which she has here would in Russia be a death-ticket. In such a society as we have she feels free to express her beliefs, knowing all too well that people are too lazy, apathetic, and indifferent to act against her. It is up to the Sociology Faculty to prevent Miss Dixon from continuing to carry on in her debauch of justice. Communism must be stopped; it is up to the people who have the chance to destroy it, to act now and not when we are slaves. Admit it Marlene Dixon, you preach enslavement. May the powers that be expunge you and your followers

from the roll-call of Mankind before you destroy the last vestiges of individual freedom and dignity.

David Marcus Eibel BA-E1

Schism over 'isms'

Sir,

With no wish to slight Marx or Abraham - From nepotism to Marxism, from Maoism to fascism, imperialism and Judaism - 'isms' seem to proliferate and to vie with one another in the pages of your paper.

With reluctance, I'm bound to disclose that my dictionary does not defy the suffix 'ism'. But I lie agog at so many of these curious little creatures popping around so unabashedly. It's the commonness of their use—that implies an indolence, a trendiness, a deceit and a totalitarianism on the part of the people whose mania induces their use.

I once knew a political science professor who wept ecstatically the day she attained a spontaneous chorus of "Colonialism" from her class. I was thunder struck yesterday when a science friend assured me that he was smoking "an organism"; "tobacco or grass"? I'd enquired.

Well, I suggest to your readers that they should religiously pinpoint and persecute all those 'isms' in your pages, and if they find a 'pseudo-ism' they will be well rewarded . . . for all their masochism.

I'd better not go on. You might even accuse me of cynicism.

Bill Ripley
BA 4

Ze'ev Ionis

The university's best kept secret

The Students' Society Constitution guarantees the students an opportunity to publicly meet with the executive twice a year.

This opportunity, also known as the regular Meeting of the Students' Society, happens this term at 1 pm today.

This year, our executive have tried their hardest to make it twice as exciting. They have promised to reveal the University's best kept secret — their activities since election.

This Open Meeting will probably be the shortest on record.

Before we examine their record, it would probably be useful to take a look at the people involved.

Richard Pomerantz, BCL I, is President of the Students' Society. He ran on a platform which stressed the "pressing problem" of summer jobs. He also stressed the need for developing community programs and "Nader-type consumer protection studies." He felt that he could do the job because of his experience as founding president of the McGill Student Entrepreneurial Agency.

External Vice-president is Allan Tanny, BCL II. He also ran on a platform which stressed summer jobs, community programs, and consumer protection. He also stressed the need for a "creative, efficient progressivism," as opposed to "radicalism or nihilism."

Finally, our Internal Vice-president is Dave Rovins, Qualifying Law. Due to the resignation of the original Internal, David Sprague, Rovins only took office last month. His platform stressed the need for fundamental changes in the constitution, provision for academic services, and the need for the interest of all students.

Pomerantz, in the tradition of Bourassa and other entrepreneurs, promised early this summer to find over 1000 jobs for students. Together with Tanny and others, he set up an employment agency in the Society offices, and submitted a brief under the Opportunities for Youth program to establish a co-ordinating committee to process briefs submitted from McGill to the federal government.

Tanny and some of the others were then paid \$1700 by the Federal Government to do what the politicians had sworn to do anyway in their campaign promises. Pomerantz, who had found himself a summer job, was not paid under the OFY grant.

Now, almost three months after the end of the summer, Pomerantz and Tanny are giving contradictory answers on how many students actually found jobs, either through the employment agency or under OFY. Pomerantz claimed 300 to 400 jobs were found through the agency and 179 through OFY. Tanny however claimed that only 250 jobs resulted through the agency and 155 through OFY grants. In either case, the total of 479(579?) or 405 jobs is a far cry from Pomerantz's promise of at least 1,000.

Pomerantz felt that at least part of the blame resulting from the OFY fiasco should fall on Quebec's shoulders, as "Quebec had a veto power." He did say though that it was a "very disappointing number." Tanny echoed these sentiments — "That's fucking low."

However, jobs were not all that the energetic executive worked on the last summer. The executive committee, comprising Pomerantz, Tanny, Sprague, Peter Chodos (Financial Director), René Sorell (Major Activities Director) "spent the entire summer meeting continuously," Tanny claimed. These meetings resulted in a decision to make the Students' Society more service oriented.

This meant building up or expanding such groups as Consumer Affairs, Com-



Allan Tanny

munity McGill, the Speakers Program, and the McGill Film Society. Plans were also made to show movies in the union Ballroom during the lunch hours.

Consumer Affairs, a group which Tanny constantly pushed, is, in his words, "for all intents and purposes folded because of lack of interest." A little more cooperation between the executives might be needed, for an hour later Pomerantz called the reaction to the program "phenomenal."

The Speakers Program, a committee of the Debating Union, was also one of the groups that the executive spent time on this summer. Pomerantz said that they had "set it up, and handed it to the Debating Union to run on a day to day basis."

However, Will Hoffman, Chairman of the Speakers Program, feels that that was not a very accurate representation of the facts. Hoffman, who has twice been chairman of the program and has been deeply involved in it since its conception five years ago, said that "this year's executive has been more eager to assist us in making contacts with speakers than have previously been the case. Unfortunately at the same time they have been more eager to usurp our autonomy." He went on to say that all of the speakers as yet brought in have been by the Debating Union, or co-sponsored by other groups, but not by the executive. Of those speakers who are scheduled to appear in the near future, only one can the executive claim: Real Caouette.

However, he did stress that the executive was keeping a close watch on the activities of the program. "I should hope that their increased control over the speakers program is due solely to their concern for the precarious situation Students' Society finances are supposedly in."



Richard Pomerantz



David Rovins

The noontime films that the executive planned, and which were advertised as beginning October 13, never materialized because the executive had not bothered to check the Ballroom bookings. "It all got screwed up because of Blood Drive and because of Open House," Pomerantz said. "Then we got into the by-elections."

While both Tanny and Pomerantz say that movies will still be shown, starting next term, they say that Rovins, as Internal V-P, is now responsible. However Rovins has been blocked in his attempts to function, both by the executive and the office staff.

He has been unable to obtain a key to his files, and has had to have the locks picked. After repeated requests, he has still not received a copy of the "Geffken Report," which was a study of the finances and workings of the Students' Society. Myron Galloway, Secretary-Treasurer of the Society told Rovins that he did not have a copy. Galloway claimed later (after repeated inquiries from Rovins) that he had thrown his only copy away. The report criticized the administration of Students' Society finances and implied that Galloway was incompetent.

Rovins has been received with equal hostility by the executive, meeting with no co-operation at all from Pomerantz and Tanny. A conversation he had recently with Tanny summed up the situation aptly. Here is Rovins' account:

Rovins: "Allan, am I not in charge of the Internal position?"

Tanny: "Yes, you are."

Rovins: "And can't I theoretically implement my platform?"

Tanny: "Yes, you can according to the constitution — but the executive is against you."

Pomerantz has been no more friendly

with Rovins. When the two were discussing Rovins moving into his apartment in the Union, Pomerantz said: "Why bother moving in?" Rovins retorted: "I feel I should be close to the student." Pomerantz: "You have a nice apartment. Why not stay there?"

Tanny has also begun to quibble with Rovins over jurisdiction in academic matters. Tanny has claimed all prerogatives in this area for himself and has even refused to co-operate with Rovins in the implementation of his proposals to help students academically.

It is unclear why Rovins is meeting with such hostility.

The executive's action or lack of it, has been questionable in still other areas. Outside of budget policy, which is being overseen by Finance Director Peter Chodos anyway, the executive has failed to come up with a concrete policy on almost anything. Pomerantz seems to be relying on MSEA experience to run the Society. Rather than make policy initiatives on his own, he relies on other councillors to come up with ideas: "our view is basically that we want to hear what Council has to say."

The only program being put forward so far by the executive has been one of changing the Society's role to a service orientation. But it is unclear what services the Executive has introduced. An advertisement which appeared in the *Daily* earlier this year as part of a Students' Society publicity campaign, claims that the Society offers 22 services for students. Only two, the Consumer Protection Program and the Speakers Program are new ones. The first has met with little or no success and the speakers program is an old idea which only comes down to an expansion of the Debating Union's regular activities.

Neither of these proposals was Pomerantz's.

The service orientation has probably been the only good proposal implemented so far, as it has given bigger budgets to such groups as Community McGill, the Speakers Program, and the McGill Film Society. But this is the extent of the initiatives of an Executive which was elected in March, eight months ago, and took office officially in July, five months ago.

The executive has made only two statements on matters external to the University. Pomerantz and Tanny have both lashed out at the Ministry of Education's infamous "Reseau Report", a report which called for centralization of the provincial universities, and which further called for direct government control over university policies.

Pomerantz has also said that he doesn't feel that the Students' Council should formulate a policy regarding strikes. He feels that "Strikes don't have any connection to education."

Tanny, speaking on the same subject, said "once we get students aware of the Students' Society, through its service orientation, then we can start looking for much more long term goals, such as whether we should take a political stand or not."

He then went on to question, however, whether he, as External V-P, could form such a political stance. "Do I have the right to speak for 16,000 students? Can I come out for a strike, or against Amchitka, and use the names of the 16,000?"

After reviewing the record, one does wonder whether the executive could speak for 16,000. Are they competent enough? Even Tanny had some doubts. "I'm very willing to admit that a lot of things that we've been planning have not come through. We aren't infallible."

What will they tell us today?

TODAY

CUSO: Film CUSO in East Africa, followed by discussion. L112, 1 pm.
FACULTY OF MUSIC: Jazz Band, Redpath Hall, 50c.
COMMUNITY MCGILL: Fourteen year old in St. Bruno needs a big brother Union 414, 12-2.

ENGLISH DEPT DRAMA PROGRAM: The Serpent by J C van Itallie. Moyse Hall, Arts Bldg, 8:30. Tickets \$1, Union Box Office or at the door.
STUDENTS INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION SOC: Lectures on Transcendental Meditation of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, free, all welcome. L110, 1 pm.
CAMPUS LEGAL AID: Free legal advice and service. Union 412, 1-7.

DEBATING UNION: Poets unlimited, first event features Louis Dudek. L219, 8 pm.
SZO HILLEL: Contemporary Conflicts in Israeli Society with author Amos Elon. 3460 Stanley, 1 pm.
FREE TELEGRAM SERVICE: Via amateur radio. Forms available at Union Box Office, Union 401 or phone 392-8942.
DAILY PRAYER: Sponsored by Catholic Chaplaincy at McGill. L-12, 1:05.

ISA: Council meeting, all club representatives must come. Union 327, 1 pm.
CINE SPORT GRAD SOC: Football Follies, free half hour football flick. G-20, Currie Gym, 1:15.

MOC: Lunch time meeting. Exhibition of winter equipment and activities. Union 458, 1-2.

RED AND WHITE REVUE: Auditions for a Baritone. Red and White Office, all day.

PRE-MED SOCIETY: Tapes of all previous speakers are available for listening Union 460, 1-2.
PRE-MED INFO: Rap with Med students. McIntyre R620, 1-2.

HELLENIC CLUB: Cultural Night, lecture by D Hedzopoulos. All Turks welcome. Union 397, 6 pm.

CHINESE STUDENTS' SOCIETY: Mr Purdon from the Immigration Office talks on the problems of becoming a landed immigrant. L26, 8 pm.

LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY: Ecuador's territorial waters and American intransigence. Informal discussion and conference. Union 124, 4 pm.

PLAYERS CLUB: Come see an improbable farce in three acts. Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit. Tickets at Union Box Office, 1.50. Union Theater, 8:30.

ART CLASSES: Instructor Ahmed Yarkhan. Live models. Morris Hall 107, 6-8.

FILM WORKSHOP: Tour of Disada studio. Anyone interested in animation welcome. We leave at 6:15, Union B-23.

MCGILL FILM WORKSHOP: Horror Festival. The Phantom of the Opera with Lon Chaney, 7 pm. The Mummy with Boris Karloff, 9:30. Both in L132.

BRIDGE CLUB: Duplicate bridge tournament. Union coffee shop, 7:30.

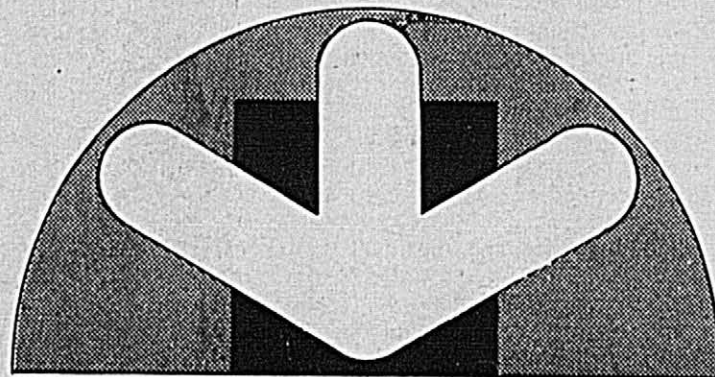
PHYSICS SOCIETY: Time is ... a movie promising to dazzle you. All welcome. L219, 1 pm.

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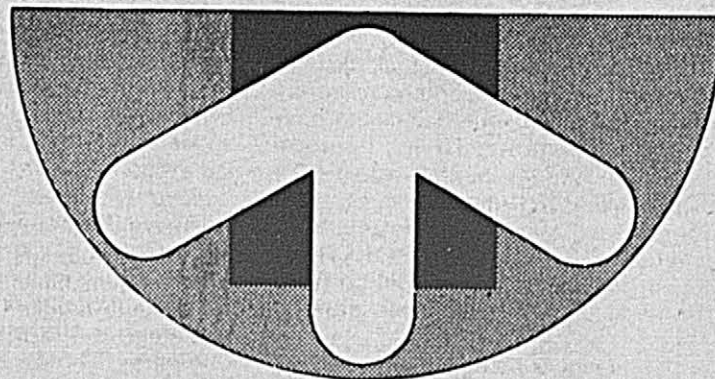
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Students' Society elections

Nominations for the position of Students' Council Representatives have been reopened for the following faculties:

1. Representatives from the following schools and faculties must be students who have a maximum of two years remaining at McGill, and must be in good academic standing with the University.

Education	1 Representative
Music	1 Representative
(Nursing (B. Sc. N.))	1 Representative

2. Representatives from the following Schools and Faculties may be in any but their final year, having spent at least one full academic year at McGill University, and must be in good academic standing with the University.

Divinity	1 Representative
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All nominations must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Society, Myron Galloway, by

4:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 24, 1971

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MONTREAL (APLQ) Already accepted in the second reading by the American Senate, Bill S-1488 on the amendment of the United States immigration and citizenship law rests like a sword of Damocles over the heads of more than 8500 Quebec workers.

Essentially, this bill aims at keeping manpower in the United States, by requiring an immigrant to maintain a permanent residence as a condition for his entry and for the right to live or legally hold a job in the United States.

Edmund Muskie and six other senators who have sponsored the bill are of the opinion that enough "abuses" of Uncle Sam's immigration law have been committed by Canadians and even more by Mexicans.

Such a law would eventually abolish the "cartes vertes" which Canadians and Mexicans working in the U.S. use to cross the border.

It is known that the green card, commonly called a visa, permits its holder to keep his status as an "American resident" on condition that he is not absent from the United States during more than one year.

The Muskie bill effectively aims at obliging the holder of a visa to establish "real residence" in the United States.

A two-year period of grace is provided for. But every worker involved who refuses to move will have his green card taken away. He will still be able to work across the border if he obtains a temporary permit like those which are already given to many Canadians and Mexicans.

Up to now Canadians and Mexicans living within 20 miles of the border did not have to get a temporary permit.

Another condition for obtaining these permits would be an official affidavit from the Secretary of Labour to the effect that: no American had applied for that specific job; the salary and working conditions of American workers would not be affected in any way by the hiring of such foreigners.

The application of the Muskie bill would create thousands of unemployed in numerous municipalities of Southeastern Quebec along the border from Woburn and Lac Mégantic to the New Brunswick border. It would lead to a heavy migration of a part of this manpower to the United States.

An inquiry made over the past few days shows that the economy of this vast region in the areas south of the counties of Mégantic, Frontenac, Beauce, Dorchester, Bellechasse, Montmagny, l'Islet, Kamouraska, Rivière-du-Loup and Témiscouata, rests for the most part on forest industries.

If the American Senate accepts the bill, not less than 8500 workers in Southeastern Quebec, including forest workers and employees of important sawmills fed by American wood, will be affected.

The workers who enter Maine go through the customs barriers at Woburn, Armstrong-Jackman, Saint-Zacharie, Sainte-Aurèle, Saint-Just-de-Bretenière, Daaquam, Saint-Pamphile and

Estcourt. Most of them return to their families each weekend and even in the middle of the week.

In this whole region there are notably found not less than 40 sawmills which annually receive some 440 million feet of wood from the Maine forests, of which 75 per cent is processed in Quebec and shipped back to the United States.

After verification with customs officials, it was concluded that some 1850 weekly shipments of lumber are sent from the Maine forest to one of the sawmills in Southeastern Quebec. In the Lac Mégantic and Saint-Just-Daaquam regions alone, there are 28 important sawmills.

If Muskie's bill were ever adopted, it would result eventually in the closing of almost all these mills, according to the owners who are supplied from 90 to 100 per cent from Maine forests.

The inquiry also revealed that in most of these regions, agriculture is not viable. The adoption of the Muskie bill would mean that hundreds of families would have no choice but to exile themselves in the United States.

In the Lac Mégantic region alone, this figure would amount to some 400 families. The areas most affected by such a movement of population would be Lac Mégantic, Saint-Jean-Vianney, Woburn, Saint-Robert, Saint-Gédéon, Saint-Samuel, Notre-Dame-des-Bois, La Patrie and Saint-Ludger, not to forget numerous other municipalities in the counties of Beauce, Dorchester, Bellechasse, Montmagny and l'Islet.

Whole districts which were thickly populated a few years ago are today almost deserted because the people who used to live there have left for the big cities of Quebec. The Quebec worker in the Maine forest earns an average of \$200 a week before deductions, over a ten month period.

Sherbrooke students demand an equal say in marking

(APLQ) Social work students at the University of Sherbrooke have been setting up their own "parallel department" since November 10. They want joint responsibility with professors in determining grades.

The students have attended classes up to now in accordance with the regular schedule; and they are organizing themselves without the professors. It is possible that the students will invite certain "resource persons" other than regular professors to their courses.

The professors, according to a communiqué from social work department head Jules Perron, have decided "to maintain their personal responsibility for the achievement of the minimal course requirements."

"This decision corresponds to the role of the professor in the university. At the same time it does not curtail in any way the rights of the student, who always remains free to use the mechanisms put at his disposal if he believes himself wronged by a professor's evaluation."

To put pressure on the faculty members, the students have decided to withdraw from all the mixed committees on which they are represented.

In the meantime, 450 Sherbrooke professors amenable to unionization are in the process of regrouping themselves in what will be called the Fédération des Associations de professeurs de l'Université de Sherbrooke (FAPUS).

The first trade union accreditation was obtained last year by professors in the Faculty of Applied Sciences, who were members of l'Association des Professeurs de l'Université de Sherbrooke (APUS).

A request for accreditation was recently registered with the

Labor Relations Commission by professors in six other faculties: Arts, Administration, Law, Education, Science and Theology. Only the Faculty of Medicine has not yet formulated its demand for accreditation.

Meanwhile, at Laval University, the strike by students in journalism, philosophy and social sciences is in its third week.

The students have not yet obtained parity on the decision-making bodies of the university.

However, they have reached an agreement with the administration on a system of evaluation, which will remain in effect until September 1972. This system reduces the pass mark on examinations from 60 per cent to 50 per cent. Subject promotion will be applied and there will be supplemental examinations at the beginning of each term.

On the subject of parity representation, the social science students demand that the faculty council be composed of 25 members, to include the dean, 12 students and 12 professors.

Yves Dubé, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, proposes a council composed of 28 members, to include the dean, the two vice-deans, the secretary, the six department heads and nine each of professors and students.

The negotiations present major difficulties. The modification of the university structures affects all the faculties, and student solidarity has not yet been attained.

But the social science professors at Laval are in agreement with the principle of student-professor parity. They propose that a joint committee study the means by which such a parity committee could be formed.

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Students' Society

OPEN MEETING — TODAY —

There will be an OPEN MEETING of the Students' Society at which time the Executive of the Students' Council will report on the year to date and entertain any topics students may wish to bring to Council's attention.

1 p.m. University Centre Ball Room